

REMARKS

No new matter is added by the above amendments. The specification is amended to claim benefit of the parent application Serial Nos. 09/939,858 and 08/922,068 in compliance with 35 U.S.C. § 120 and to correct the same errors corrected in the specifications of those parent applications.

New claims are added in order to better define the invention and not in response to any patentability rejection.

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The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned attorney at (713) 787-1686 with any questions or comments relating to this patent application.

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